

**Southern Polytechnic State University**

**United States History to 1877 - History 2111 – 005  
CRN 2420**

MWF 11:00 – 11:50 am Bldg J- Room 109

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**Required Text:** **America** a concise history, Vol. I to 1877, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. By Henretta

**Course description:** History 2111 is designed to present a **thematic** approach to the study of significant trends and events in early U.S. History. This course will trace the evolution of these significant American developments from about the 15<sup>th</sup> century to 1877.

**Requirements:** Attend lectures regularly, complete exams and quizzes with an average score or 60% or better.

Your course grade will be based on an average of grades earned on:

1. Two major exams 33% each (Blue Exam Books are a requirement)
2. Three surprise quizzes 33% total (no make-ups are permitted except for serious personal situations.....official documentation and my approval is a requirement)!

**Bonus point options:** You have two opportunities to earn 5-point bonuses; you may use the first, second, or both. An essay of adequate grade C quality or better, will earn a 5-point bonus that will be added to your course grade points before the course grade is averaged. For each 5-point bonus paper, submit a one to two page double spaced typed essay or report describing a visit to a history museum or historic cite; or read and summarize an article from scholarly journal or watch a documentary movie that **pertains to this time period covered by this course.** (Only stapled hard copies will be accepted)

In addition,

You can earn 5 more points per paper, if you also give the class an oral presentation of your paper: total 10 point per paper!

**Examinations:** Exams will include essays and identifications. No make-ups are permitted except for serious personal situations. In instances where a make-up is appropriate, all efforts must be made to seek my approval prior to the scheduled exam.

**No one will be seated after the exam has begun!!**

**Due dates for bonus papers and exams:**

The last day I will accept bonus papers will be April 18, 2008  
Midterm exam: Feb. 20, 2008

**Important dates:**

First day of classes: January 14, 2008  
MLK Holiday: Monday, January 21, 2008  
Spring Break: March 2-8, 2008  
Last Day to Withdraw: March 11, 2008  
Last Day of Classes: May 1, 2008  
Final start May 3, 2008

**Academic honesty: Copying the work of another person is strictly prohibited.  
Plagiarism or any other form of cheating will result in an F for the course.**

**Courtesy:** Individuals should avoid distracting other class members or the instructor.  
The following conduct is expected of all class members:

**Arrive in time**  
**Stay seated**  
**Do not leave early**  
**Snacks and beverages are not permitted**  
**No sleeping in class**  
**No cell phones**  
**No computer use in class**  
**Refusal to comply with Faculty direction**

**Attendance:** You are responsible not only for the chapters assigned in the text, but also for all material covered in this class. If you are absent, it will be necessary to get notes from another student in order to keep up with the class.

If you have more than 4 unexcused absences, 5-points per absence will be subtracted.